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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT
APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO
ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time for two (2) month(s) to and including June 5, 2002, in which to respond to the Notice to Comply dated February 5, 2002.

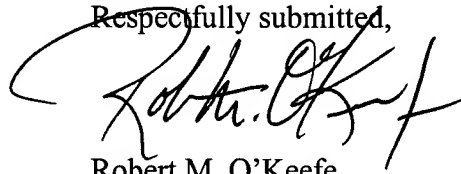
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, a check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed, which is the fee for a two (2) month(s) extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", written over the typed name.

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